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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 490  
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Blount County  
Commissioner Richard Williams, Jr. on his  
induction into *The Daily Times* Alumni Wall of  
Fame.

WHEREAS, Each year, after a rigorous selection process several exemplary Blount County citizens, who are graduates of one of the four area high schools, are inducted into *The Daily Times* Alumni Wall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, The 2001 honorees appropriately included Blount County Commissioner Richard Williams, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is a distinguished 1951 graduate of Charles M. Hall High School in Alcoa; and

WHEREAS, He also graduated with Honors from the Fort Gordon, Georgia Military Academy of Leadership, served in the Military Police from 1953-1955, and was in the Courier Service of the Department of Energy from 1973 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, During this period, Mr. Williams received three Performance Awards for Professionalism; and

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WHEREAS, He has given valuable support to the Everett Recreation Center, the Blount County Library, the Bicentennial Trail connecting Maryville and Alcoa, and to efforts honoring the late Frank “Daddy” Bogle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is currently Chair of the Public Service Committee and the Blount County Cable Authority and is a valued member of the Alcoa Rotary Club and American Legion Post 13; and

WHEREAS, He is also deeply concerned with the educational needs of the community, has worked tirelessly to improve the Highway Department, is a supporter of the important Industrial Development Board and serves admirably on a board endeavoring to establish a Blount County Museum; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has always supported measures which strengthen law enforcement efforts, and he has fought hard to expedite the construction of the much needed Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, He is past Master of Granite Lodge No. 289, Past Commander in Chief of Alcoa Consistory No. 175, and Past Potentate of Alcoa Shrine Temple No. 71, and he has previously been named Mason of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Richard Williams, Jr. is an active member of the St. John Baptist Church in Alcoa and serves God and the members of the congregation faithfully as an excellent Sunday School teacher and as Chairman of the Board of Deacons; and

WHEREAS, His outstanding work has been recognized by Omega Psi Phi for meritorious service as a Friend of Education and by the Blount County Soil Conservation District, he is listed in the prestigious *Who’s Who Among Black Americans*, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has been strongly supported in his good works by his wife, Evelyn and their daughter, Vivian Williams Love; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor this outstanding Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Richard Williams, Jr. on his induction into *The Daily Times* Alumni Wall of Fame and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.